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accountable to anybody. Yeah, what gets me is nobody is telling you, you have to go into these areas. Nobody is dragging you in off the street to go into a smoking area. Just like nobody is telling you, you have to stand in front of an anhydrous tank and suck in anhydrous ammonia, which some of our young people do. Except you're Matt Connealy and you're a farmer, then sometimes you have to get a whiff of it now and then, you know. But I'd like to relate to a couple of establishments in my community. They both sell food. One of them has young people working in it and she's one of our pages, by the way. I just asked her a little bit ago what...if she ever had a problem in one of the restaurants, when she worked in there, with smoke? She said, no, we didn't have any smoke in there. They have an area where it is...smoking is allowed. It's separated by a door. Nobody has to breathe smoke when they're in the eating area. And very few people smoke anymore. We sell less cigarettes now, I would say 50 percent less cigarettes now, than we did five years ago, so people are changing their habits. I don't think we should go down the road of telling people what they can and cannot do. I don't go into a keno club in Fremont. I like to play keno, but it's too doggone smoky in there. I won't go in there. That's my choice. That's my choice. And when our kids were young, I used to smoke. They hacked around and, Dad, they said, you can't quit smoking those things. We were coming home from church. Went across the Elkhorn River and I rolled down the window and threw my pipe away; never smoked since. Almost died for two weeks from withdrawal, but I made it. So I'm going to, as I have in the past years, I'm going to oppose LB 480, the amendments and everything else, because I believe it's a choice that people in this state have to make. If you don't want your young people to...your children to be associated with smoke, don't take them in there. I don't think you can smoke in McDonald's. But that's their choice. To me, this bill is about choice and I'm not going to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed: Senator Louden to LB 454; Senator Jensen, LB 382; Senator Jensen to LB 551; Senator Jensen, LB 551; Senator Louden, LB 673; Senator Jensen,